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Mr. Malcolm L. Frost
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Dear Malcolm:

You will recall that at the FBIS-BBC Coordination Committee meeting on 5 May 1950 held in Washington I suggested that we draft a statement covering the FBIS-BBC arrangement as a whole, including the status of the Cyprus Station with the Colonial Government. I have recently attempted to draft such a statement and am sorry that I ever made the suggestion.

On examining the minutes of our various meeting and the basic documents which summarized our reciprocity, I am convinced that it would be inadvisable for us to draft a provision which would do away with the basic documents especially those which bear the official approval of our respective governments and brief as they may be are really our charter to operate. However I have arrived at a brief statement which I inclose herewith which I think sets forth the basic provisions of our reciprocal arrangement. It probably would be most useful to you or to me in giving someone a bird's eye view of what our reciprocal arrangement amounts to but I question whether we should attempt to substitute anything of this nature for the basic documents connected with the arrangement.

If you agree I should be just as happy to forget about attempting "the draft of a statement covering the FBIS-BBC arrangement as a whole, including the status of the Cyprus Station with the Colonial Government."

Sincerely,

L. K. WHITE

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